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12 February 1959

DEVELOPMENT OF CARTRIDGE, 90-MM, HEAT,  
T300 FOR 90-MM GUNS, M36 AND M41 (U)

Second Report on Ordnance Project No. TW-422

Dates of Test: 8 and 9 August 1958

(C) ABSTRACT

Firings were conducted for charge establishment with the T300E53 shell in 90-mm gun, M36 to obtain a muzzle velocity of 4000 fps within a pressure limit of 47,000 psi.

The charge was determined to be 9 lb 2.7 oz for an MP, M17 propellant, Lot RAD-38300, having an 0.057-inch web size. The corresponding pressure for the required velocity is 44,500 psi.

The charge was established based on a 70°F temperature; however, some of the rounds were temperature-conditioned at 125, -25, and -40°F and fired. The results obtained in this test and a later test (reference First Report on Project TW-422) indicate erratic velocity and pressure results with this propellant at low temperatures. It is concluded that Propellant Lot RAD-38300 does not perform satisfactorily at low temperatures. It is recommended that this lot not be used under low-temperature conditions.

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## 1. (C) INTRODUCTION

In February 1950 the Ordnance Corps formally initiated development of the 90-mm, T108, HEAT shell for the M3 series of tank guns. In May 1951, anticipating the early availability of the new M47 tank and therefore of the T119 (now the M36) tank gun, authorization was given to use the T108 round in the T119 as well as in the T125 and T139 (now the M54 and M41, respectively) guns until such time as ammunition specifically developed for these weapons should become available. Efforts were made to improve the accuracy of this round, but it remained unreliable.

In July 1952 a meeting was held at which it was decided that the T108 was not accurate enough, and that its velocity was too low. Consequently, a new round would have to be developed to provide an antitank projectile superior to anything then available. This development was designated "Cartridge, 90-mm, HEAT, T300." Its primary aim was to provide a HEAT round with a high hit probability. The secondary objective was to improve shaped-charge effectiveness.

A muzzle velocity of 4000 fps and a desired PE of 0.15 mil vertical and horizontal at 1000-yard range were specified for the T300 fired from the M36 and M41 tank guns. In May 1953 development of the 90-mm, T300 round began. The original design was a scaled-down version of the 105-mm, folding-fin round. Considerable difficulties were experienced with this design from the beginning. The conventional ogive was replaced with a spike-nosed, high-drag configuration to increase the cp-cg separation. Also, decreases of fin lengths and fin opening were necessary, due to the high pressures within the chambers of both weapons used, (the rated maximum pressure of the weapon-ammunition system is 47,000 psi). Several other designs were suggested, but because of their exterior configurations they would not withstand the high accelerations to which the components were subjected. It was not until the fixed-fin design specified as the T300E53 was established that consistently successful accuracy was obtained at 1000 yards when firing was conducted at 4000 fps.

In order to maintain a consistent spin rate of 25 rps, a considerable amount of work was performed on band design. Several plastics and other materials were tested; both fixed and slip-type bands were tried. It was found that nylon, when used as a slip-type band, gave a more consistent spin rate of 25 rps and much more satisfactory obturation than any of the other materials tested.

The purpose of the present test was to establish a charge in the 90-mm gun, M36, which will give a velocity of 4000 fps without exceeding a pressure of 47,000 psi, and to secure other ballistic data as indicated by authorizations for test inclosed in Appendix A.

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## 2. (C) DESCRIPTION OF MATERIEL

The 90-mm, T300E53, HEAT cartridge (drawing in Appendix C) is assembled as a complete round and consists of the following major components:

Shell with M509, PIBD fuze (modified); M5A1 tracer; T24B1 cartridge case; M58 modified primer, and propellant.

The body of the shell is cylindrical, with the forward face containing an undercut surface which receives the spike-nosed ogive. There are no threads at this joint; instead, a rubber-base cement holds the assembly together. The base of the body contains threads which permit it to accept an aluminum chamber. The exterior contour of the chamber makes up a portion of the boattail. The interior of the chamber is machined to accommodate the M509 fuze. The forward end of the chamber provides male threads for assembly to the body. Behind the threads is a machined band seat which accepts a slip-type nylon band the purpose of which is to give a more consistent spin rate of 25 rps. When the chamber and body are assembled, the band is confined between the two components.

In order to prevent gas leakage into the charge cavity, rubber "O" rings are placed in the undercut portions of the thread joints between the body and chamber after an aluminum spacer is screwed in place to retain the fuze within the fuze cavity. The fin adapter completes the boattail, and a small cylindrical section of the adapter is considered the boom. At the end of the boom is a male thread which is used for assembly of the aluminum fin.

A shaped-charge liner is assembled directly to the steel spike nose and is secured to the spike adapter with a 360° roll crimp. At the nose end of the spike a potted nose-element assembly is used to initiate the M509 fuze. This element incorporates a piezoelectric crystal (lucky) for initiation. The components are secured and insulated within the cap with a plastic potting compound. The circuit from the nose element to the fuze is completed with nine-strand, nylon-coated, steel wire. Brass terminals are used at both ends to assure a complete circuit. The charge cavity contains 1.25 lb of composition B.

The complete as-fired weight of this shell is approximately 12.68 lb.

A 90-mm, T24B1 steel case with the base end modified by providing a 1.25-inch-diameter hole for base loading is used because the fins intrude too far into the case for front loading. A steel closing plug is provided for resealing the case. The cartridge-case volume with shell and primer intact is 287.72 cubic inches.

A modified M58 primer containing 370  $\frac{1}{2}$  10 grains of black powder is used. The primer is modified to 13.41 inches long so that the fin assembly can be accepted within the case. One liner in lieu of two is used.

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### 3. DETAILS OF TEST

#### 3.1 (U) Procedures

The cartridge case and shell (inert-loaded and with dummy fuze) were shipped to Aberdeen Proving Ground assembled and crimped but without propellant or primer. The weight of the shell was determined by check-weighing six cases, averaging the weights, and subtracting the average weight from the weight of each complete shell and case combination. A used primer was inserted into the primer seat of one complete round and the Special Measurements Section computed the case volume by filling the case with water. The rounds were then sent to the Machine Shop with the gun and tube to be drilled for piezoelectric gauges. The gun and tube were then mounted on a 155-mm gun carriage and moved into position at C barricade. Velocity towers and coils were placed approximately 104 and 159 feet from the muzzle. A piezoelectric gauge was attached to the tube and plugged into the instrument trailer placed behind the barricade. Several conditioning rounds were made up of stock components (see FR P-63411) to condition the tube and seat the weapon system. One test round was loaded with a minimum charge and fired after two conditioning rounds. The data were taken and a propellant curve started. The charge was gradually increased and the data plotted until the desired velocity-pressure ratio was obtained and verified. The remaining rounds were then loaded with this established charge and placed into the temperature-conditioning trailers to be conditioned to the desired temperatures before firing.

#### 3.2 (C) Results

A propellant charge of 9 lb 2.7 oz was established to give the desired velocity of 4000 fps without exceeding 47,000 psi. See Charge Velocity - Charge Pressure Curve, Appendix B.

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Table I. (C) Results of Firing

No. of Rounds Considered	Temp of Rds, Of	Avg Shell Wt, lb	Prop. Wt, oz	Velocity			Measured M3 Gauge Pressure			Measured Piezo Gauge Pressure		
				Avg Instru-mental fps	Variation fps	%	Avg, psi	Variation psi	%	Avg, psi	Variation psi	%
1	Ambient	12.67	139.0	3751	None	None	38,300	None	None	Lost	None	None
1	Ambient	12.65	147.0	3962	None	None	45,600	None	None	50,700	None	None
1	Ambient	12.86	151.0	4074	None	None	49,000	None	None	54,900	None	None
4	Ambient	12.68	148.5	4006	17	0.42	46,330	300	0.65	52,250	1,200	2.30
4	125	12.65	148.5	4146	14	0.34	49,680	600	1.21	54,880	4,700	8.56
4	-25	12.66	148.5	3943	26	0.66	46,130	1,900	4.12	56,050	3,000	5.35
5	-40	12.68	148.5	3586	456	12.72	36,900	11,700	31.71	41,540	14,100	33.94

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### 3.3 (C) Observations

Based on the above summary of results it appears this propellant performs satisfactorily up to  $-25^{\circ}\text{F}$  but becomes very erratic in velocity and pressure results at  $-40^{\circ}\text{F}$ ; however, later firings (reference First Report on Project TW-422) indicate erratic results were obtained at temperatures as high as  $+35^{\circ}\text{F}$ .

The muzzle flash appeared to be approximately 15 by 10 feet in size and there was no visible difference from round to round. The muzzle smoke appeared to be small and brownish gray.

After the established charge was put into the case there was approximately 1-1/2 inches of remaining space in which to load more propellant if desired.

### 4. (C) CONCLUSION

Based on results to date Propellant Lot RAD-38300 will not perform satisfactorily at low temperatures using the present ignition system.

### 5. (C) RECOMMENDATIONS

A charge of 9 lb 2.7 oz is recommended to yield a muzzle velocity of 4000 fps at a corresponding pressure of 44,500 psi.

Propellant Lot RAD-38300 should not be used when firing under low temperature conditions.

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#### REFERENCES

1. Authority for this test is found in Appendix A.
2. Related formal reports, notes, and/or progress reports:

Notes on Development Type Materiel No. 150 (PA-N-150).  
Forty Sixth Progress Report of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.  
Report No. 1 on Project No. 85B - Erie Ordnance Depot.  
Summary Progress Report of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.  
Thirty-Ninth Report on Project TAL-1460.  
First Report on Project TW-422.



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DOVER, NEW JERSEY

APPENDIX A  
Correspondence  
Mr. W. Joseph/McC/6174

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FELTMAN RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING LABORATORIES  
ORDBB. TM-470 (TW-422)

SUBJECT: Test Program Request Number TM-7(C), Charge Assessment in  
Cartridge, HEAT, 90mm, T300E53 (U)

TO: Commanding General  
Aberdeen Proving Ground  
Aberdeen, Maryland

ATTENTION: ORDBG-DP-TA, Mr. Carothers

1. Inclosed is Test Program Request No. TM-7(C), D/A Priority 1A, covering a charge assessment program with the 90mm T300 round. Since this test will determine the propelling charge necessary for rounds for Final Engineering Tests, it is imperative that the program be scheduled at the earliest possible date.

2. The items listed in paragraph 1a of the inclosed Test Program Request will be shipped to your Proving Ground approximately 21 July 1958. It is assumed that the item listed in paragraph 1b is available at the Proving Ground.

3. Funding Data:

Funds are available under AIF Order No. 87110100-99-60119 and Job Order No. 3026-99-903 (420).

4. Coordination:

a. OCO, ORDTW

b. APG, ORDBG-DP-TA

c. Picatinny Arsenal - Engineer primarily responsible for the test is Mr. W. Joseph, phone: Picatinny Arsenal, Extension 6174.

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SUBJECT: Test Program Request Number TM-7(C), Charge Assessment in  
Cartridge, HEAT, 90mm, T300E53 (U)

5. Notification of Test Attendance:

Mr. W. Joseph will attend the test and requests notice three  
days prior to the firing.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Mr. W. Joseph/McC/6174  
Test Program Request No. TM-7(C)  
(Job Order No. 3026-99-903 (420))  
Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, N. J..  
14 July 1958

1. Material for Test:

a. To be furnished by Picatinny Arsenal:

20 Cartridge, HEAT, 90mm, T300E53 (inert) w/o Propellant

b. To be furnished by Aberdeen Proving Ground:

200 lbs Propellant, M17, Lot RAD 38300

2. Project Authority:

a. Project No. TW-422

b. Funds available under AIF Order No. 87110100-99-60119, Reference Job Order indicated above.

3. Object of Development or Experiment:

To develop Cartridge, HEAT, 90mm, T300 for 90mm Gun, M36 and M41.

4. History Sketch:

In establishing a replacement lot of propellant for expended Lot HEP 35718, Propellant, M17, Lot 60261 was substituted. Recent closed bomb firings with this lot of propellant indicated detonation of the propellant at -40°F conditioning temperature. This condition can result in excessive gun pressures. It is desirable, therefore, to assess another lot of M17 Propellant having approximately the same "quickness", but one that gives satisfactory burning characteristics in closed bomb firings.

5. Description in Detail of Improvements Made Since Last Proving Ground Test:

None

6. Local Tests:

A number of M17 Propellant lots have been evaluated in closed bomb firings. Propellant, M17, Lot RAD 38300 gave normal traces in -40°F temperature firing.

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7. Object of Test:

To assess Propellant, M17, Lot RAD 38300 in Cartridge, HEAT, 90mm, T300E53.

8. Precautions in Handling and Testing:

Care should be taken not to damage the nylon rotating bands in handling, otherwise the normal precautions in handling live artillery primers and cased propelling charges should be observed.

9. Recommended Test Program:

a. Using Cartridge, HEAT, 90mm, T300E53 (inert) and Propellant, M17, Lot RAD 38300, establish charge in the 90mm Gun, M36 not exceeding a pressure of 47,000 psi (cu). Only one round at each charge, conditioned at 70°F need be fired, but it is desired to obtain at least five points between 38,000 to 47,000 psi for a charge establishment curve.

b. Determine the propelling charge from the curve to give a maximum chamber pressure of 46,000 psi or a velocity of 4000 ft/sec, if this will result in a lower pressure. Fire a three round uniformity series at this charge at 70 F conditioning temperature. Fire five rounds each at the established charge with rounds conditioned at -40° and 140°F temperatures.

c. All rounds shall be crimped with an eight stab crimp one inch wide to give a 4000 lb bullet pull.

d. For all rounds, record instrumental velocity, muzzle velocity, copper pressure, complete description of round, flash, smoke and any unusual occurrences.

10. References:

None

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REFERENCE PICATINNY ARSENAL TPR-TM7 (C) REGARDING T3ØØ AMMUNITION.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT IN THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE FIRING  
OUTLINED IN THE REFERENCE TPR THE FOLLOWING DATA BE SUPPLIED DIRECT  
TO THIS COMMAND ATTN: ORDLY-ARCC.

1. AS FIRED SHOT WEIGHT.
2. CARTRIDGE CASE VOLUME.
3. LOADING DENSITY OF PROPELLANT USED AT THE ASSESSED  
CHARGE WEIGHT.

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4. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PRIMER USED.
5. DESIRED MUZZLE VELOCITY.
6. RATED MAXIMUM PRESSURE OF THE WEAPON-AMMUNITON SYSTEM.
7. BALLISTIC RESULTS AT THE TEMPERATURES CONSIDERED

INCLUDING:

A. ASSESSED CHARGE WEIGHT AT 70 DEGREE F. TO GIVE RATED  
VELOCITY.

B. RESULTANT AVERAGE PRESSURE AT THIS VELOCITY.

C. PERCENT VELOCITY VARIATION.

D. PERCENT PRESSURE VARIATION.

E. SUMMARY OF BALLISTIC RESULTS AT HOT AND COLD  
TEMPERATURES.

F. SMOKE AND FLASH CHARACTERISTICS DURING TEST.

8. A TRACING OF THE PIEZO PRESSURE-TIME MEASUREMENTS OF  
ALL ROUNDS SO TESTED.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS  
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PRESSURE-TIME DATA FOR RND S CONDITIONED AT -4ø DEG AND 14ø DEG  
FAHRENHEIT TEMPERATURE. 9øMM GUN TUBE MOD FOR PIEZO-ELEC GAGE  
SHOULD BE USED FOR THESE FIRINGS. REQ CARTRIDGE CASE OF T3øø RND  
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APPENDIX B

Firing Record

DEVELOPMENT AND PROOF SERVICES  
ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, MARYLAND  
FIRING RECORD

OBJECT OF TEST: Propellant Assessment and Military Characteristics of Cartridge, HEAT, 90-mm, T300E53 for 90-mm Guns, M36 and M41 (U)

DATES OF TEST: 8 and 9 August 1958  
FIRING RECORD NO.: P-63411  
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DEVELOPMENT

ARMY PROJECT NO. D/A 504-03-049

ORDNANCE PROJECT NO. TW-422, TPR-TM-7

W. O. NO. 332-333-26 mt

(C) AMMUNITION

Test Rounds:

Cartridge, HEAT, 90-mm, T300E53 (Inert), (with Dummy Fuze), Lot PA-E-27651-X; (as fired shot weight averaged 12.68 lb). Data Card No. 88491 is inclosed in Appendix C.

Primer, Percussion, M58 (Mod B), 370  $\frac{1}{2}$  10 grains Grade A1 Black Powder, Lot No. PA-E-26767; Data Card is inclosed in Appendix C.

Propellant, MP, ML7, 0.057-inch web, Lot RAD-38300 (loading density is 0.89 at assessed charge weight of 9 lb, 4.5 oz at 70°F). Instrumental velocity is 4006 fps (average of four rounds fired).

Case, Cartridge, 90-mm, T24B1 (Mod), Lot EP0-4-25 (volume 287.72 cubic inches).

(U) Conditioning Rounds:

Projectile, HVAP-T, 90-mm, M332A1, (12.50 lb), Lot CAA-2-87-1952.

Case, Cartridge, 90-mm, T24B1, Lot NOR-11-58.

Primer, Percussion, M58, 400-grain, Lot KOP-50-10.

Propellant, MP, ML7, 0.057-inch web, Lot RAD-38300 (charge weight 126 oz loose-loaded).

(U) MATERIEL

Gun: 90-mm, T119E1, No. 6130.

Tube: 90-mm, T119E1, No. 54798 (97% remaining life).

Mount: Proof, Gun - D7138764, No. 3.

Recoil: Mechanism, M3, 155-mm Gun, No. 1676.

Carriage: 155-mm Gun, ML, No. 309.

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(U) INSTRUMENTATION

Pressures: Medium Pressure M3 Gauges, Coppers Lot 8C54 X.O 7348-3-11, Annealed 1954, Metal 1954, Comp Curve - Dwg FD-18182 (two gauges per round).

Piezoelectric gauges were used in conjunction with above.

Velocities: Standard 30-inch velocity coils were used and positioned as follows:

<u>Date of Firing</u>	<u>Muzzle to First Coil, feet</u>	<u>First to Second Coil, feet</u>
8 August 1958	103.90	46.44
9 August 1958	104.84	50.12

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FIRING RECORD NO.: P-63411  
SHEET 3 OF 4

Test Round Numbers 3 thru 22 are T300E53

## (C) ROUND-BY-ROUND DATA

Test Round Numbers 1 and 2 are M32A1 (Conditioners)

Elevation: 1°

Round Number Test Tube	Time of Firing	Complete Round Number	Shell Body Number	Spike Retainer Number	Nose Plug Number	Plastic Band Number	Cartridge Case Number	Shell Weight, pounds	Propellant Weight, pounds	Instr. Velocity, fps	M3 Gauge Pressure, psi/100	Piezo Gauge Pressure, psi/100
Date of Firing: 8 August 1958 Temperature of Round: Ambient												
1	52	1119	None	None	None	None	None	12.45	7	14.0	3508	WT
2	53	1120	None	None	None	None	None	12.47	7	14.0	3581	WT
3	54	1123	40	50	F24	45	251	12.67	8	11.0	3751	Lost
4	55	1132	120	147	F76	52	197	12.65	9	3.0	3962	507
5	56	1308	82	41	C72	47	159	12.86	9	7.0	4074	549
6	57	1314	4	32	393	14	462	12.71	9	4.5	3997	517
7	58	1349	118	124	F68	19	250	12.67	9	4.5	4014	523
8	59	1356	11	30	F90	5	463	12.68	9	4.5	4010	529
9	60	1359	92	91	F29	17	214	12.68	9	4.5	4003	521
Date of Firing: 9 August 1958 Temperature of Round: 71.25°F												
10	61	0948	136	109	F91	37	191	12.65	9	4.5	4142	557
11	62	0958	78	61	D27	84	461	12.65	9	4.5	4156	518
12	63	1007	142	129	F64	38	249	12.63	9	4.5	4142	555
13	64	1021	13	179	C96	15	216	12.67	9	4.5	4142	565
Temperature of Round: -25°F												
14	65	1033	90	42	E55	30	213	12.69	9	4.5	3953	570
15	66	1041	14	23	D20	54	189	12.67	9	4.5	3954	560
16	67	1049	110	157	F79	44	190	12.64	9	4.5	3928	541
17	68	1056	70	73	E31	43	464	12.62	9	4.5	3937	571
Temperature of Round: -40°F												
18	69	1103	73	69	F77	56	215	12.69	9	4.5	311	342
19	70	1111	35	100	F66	16	200	12.70	9	4.5	390	344
20	71	1129	64	99	F78	18	198	12.64	9	4.5	314	359
21	72	1138	41	114	F79	29	192	12.68	9	4.5	3791	428
22	73	1146	121	168	F49	39	252	12.66	9	4.5	402	449

(U) Notes: WT - Not Taken.

The piezoelectric gauge was changed for test rounds no. 12 through 22.

This case with projectile and primer intact was used to compute case volume of 287.72 cubic inches.

All plastic rotating bands are larger in diameter than the band seat and revolve around the shell body freely. Compute round no. 4 was poorly crimped (loose).

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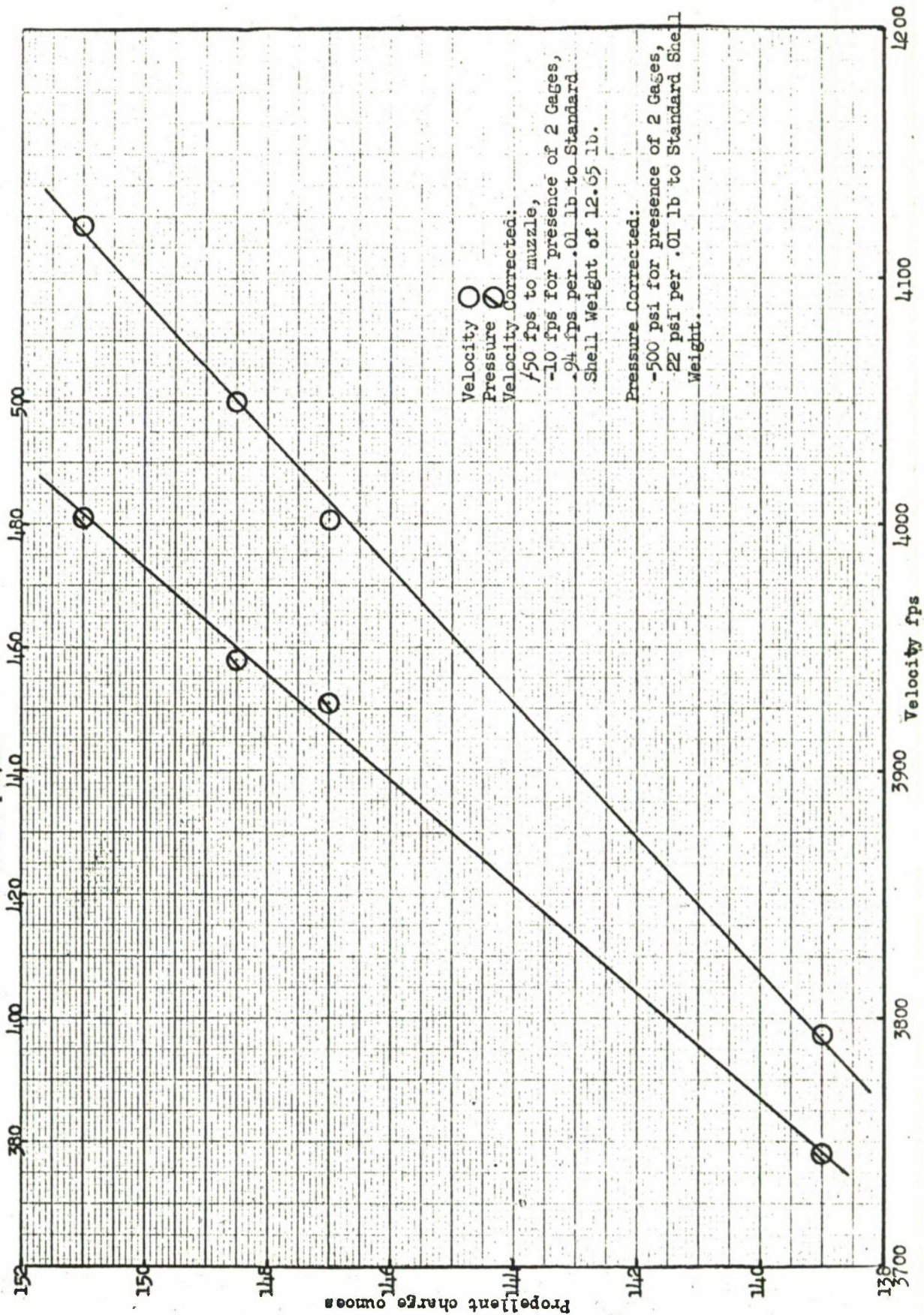
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Charge Velocity - Charge Pressure Curve

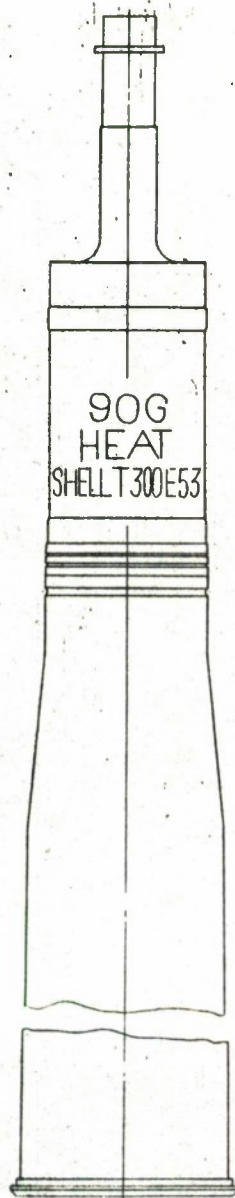
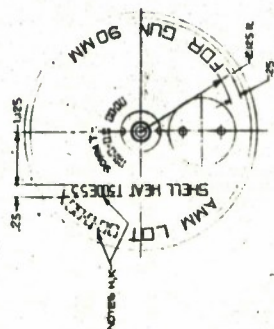
Propellant Curve for 90-MM Shell, HEAT, T300E5  
 Propellant, MP, M17, Lot RAD-38300-52 with .0574 inch web  
 Pressure psi/100





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### MARKING DIAGRAM

NOTES

- A. SPEC. G-2850 APPLIES
- B. CAT. #EARS OF FRAME WITH PETTYMAN ELEMENT TYPE A, SPEC. JAN-C-99 AND ASSEMBLY W-1-E
- C. CAT. #EARS OF FRAME WITH PETTYMAN ELEMENT TYPE A, SPEC. JAN-C-99 AND ASSEMBLY W-1-E
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### FIGURE 1



MULTIPLE STARGAGE MEASUREMENT & INSPECTION DATA FORM

NUMBER		MODEL		MANUFACTURER		CASTING NUMBER	
54798		T119E1		OLDS			
6130		T119E1		W.T. ARS			
90mm Tube							
90mm GUN							
DATE OF GAUGING 13 AUG 1958		NUMBER OF ROUNDS 72		PROOF OFFICER W.O. 332-333-26		PROJ TW-422TM-7	
FIRING STATUS (Check One)		BEFORE		AFTER			
90 MM TUBE M36 (T119E1), M41 (T139), M54 (T125)							
Main Bore - 25.15" to 177.15"							
Distance (Inches) From							
Rear Face of Breech		Muzzle Face		Rear Face of Tube		LANDS	
						3.543" Basic Diam.	
						3.638" Basic Diam.	
						Vertical Horizontal Vertical Horizontal	
Gun		Tube		Tube			
185.60		.55		176.60		+ .008 + .007 + .003 + .003	
185		1.15		176		3 7 3 3	
183		3.15		174		7 2 4 3	
181		5.15		172		2 6 4 4	
179		7.15		170		2 2 3 4	
177		9.15		168		2 2 3 4	
173		13.15		164		2 2 3 4	
169		17.15		160		3 2 3 4	
165		21.15		156		2 1 3 4	
161		25.15		152		2 1 3 4	
157		29.15		148		1 1 3 4	
153		33.15		144		1 1 3 4	
149		37.15		140		1 1 3 4	
145		41.15		136		1 2 3 4	
141		45.15		132		1 2 3 4	
137		49.15		128		1 2 3 4	
133		53.15		124		1 1 3 4	
129		57.15		120		1 1 3 4	
125		61.15		116		1 1 3 3	
121		65.15		112		1 1 3 3	
117		69.15		108		1 1 3 3	
113		73.15		104		1 1 3 3	
109		77.15		100		2 1 3 3	
105		81.15		96		2 2 3 3	
101		85.15		92		2 2 3 3	
97		89.15		88		2 2 3 3	
93		93.15		84		2 2 3 3	
89		97.15		80		2 2 3 3	
85		101.15		76		2 2 3 3	
81		105.15		72		2 1 3 3	
77		109.15		68		2 1 3 3	
73		113.15		64		2 2 3 3	
69		117.15		60		2 2 3 3	
65		121.15		56		2 2 3 3	
61		125.15		52		2 2 3 4	
57		129.15		48		2 2 2 4	
53		133.15		44		2 2 2 3	
49		137.15		40		2 2 2 3	
47		139.15		38		2 2 2 3	
45		141.15		36		2 2 2 3	
44.98		141.37		35.78		2 2 2 3	
43		143.15		34		2 2 2 3	
41.24		144.91		32.24		2 2 2 3	
39		147.15		30		2 2 2 3	
37.69		148.46		28.69		2 2 2 3	
37.15		149.00		28.15		2 1 2 3	
36.15		150.00		27.15		2 1 2 3	
35.15		151.00		26.15		2 1 2 2	
34.50		151.65		25.50		+ .001 + .001 + .002	
34.25		151.90		25.25		+ .001 + .000 + .001 + .002	
95% LIFE REM							



90 MM Tube 38 (T119E1), #41 (T139), #54 (T125)				CHAMBER 0" to 24.12" (Basic)						
DISTANCE (Inches) FROM				GAUGE MEASUREMENTS INDICATED IN 1/1000 OF AN INCH						
REAR FACE OF BREECH	MUZZLE FACE	REAR FACE OF TUBE	BASIC DIAMETER	ZERO	VERTICAL Y			HORIZONTAL X		
					GAUGE READING	ACTUAL DIAMETER	DIFFERENCE	GAUGE READING	ACTUAL DIAMETER	DIFFERENCE
33.00	153.15	24.00	3.6777	3.677"	+0.05	3.682	+0.05	+0.05	3.682	+0.05
32	154.15	23	3.6877		.007	.684	7	.006	.683	6
31	155.15	22	3.6877		.007	.684	7	.007	.684	7
30.75	155.40	21.75	3.6877		+0.07	.684	+0.07	+0.07	.684	+0.07
27.05	159.10	18.05	4.408	4.400"	+0.12	4.412	+0.04	+0.12	4.412	+0.04
26.50	159.65	17.50	4.417		.021	.421	4	.21	.421	4
26.	160.15	17	4.426		.030	.430	4	.30	.430	4
25	161.15	16	4.442		.046	.446	4	.46	.446	4
23	163.15	14	4.475		.078	.478	3	.78	.478	3
21	165.15	12	4.508		.111	.511	3	.111	.511	3
19	167.15	10	4.541		.144	.544	3	.144	.544	7
17	169.15	8	4.574		.177	.577	3	.177	.577	3
15	171.15	6	4.607		.211	.611	4	.211	.611	4
13	173.15	4	4.640		.244	.644	4	.244	.644	4
12	174.15	3	4.657		.261	.661	4	.261	.661	4
11	175.15	2	4.673		.277	.677	4	.277	.677	4
10	176.15	1	4.690		.294	.694	4	.294	.694	4
9.50	176.65	.50	4.698		.303	.703	5	.303	.703	5
9.10	177.05	.10	4.704		+0.09	.709	+0.05	+0.09	.709	+0.05
No diametral taper on some of the first "T" Mod. tubes from 21.75" to 24.00" from the R.F.T. (Basic dia. 3.677").					Pullover Measurements.					
				Dist. from R.F.T.						
				25.25" 3.545" 3.544"						
				25.40 3.544" 3.544"						
				25.65 3.544 3.544						
				26.15 3.545 3.544						
Remarks: Bore scoped. (Chrome plated) Light rust pits throughout main powder chamber. Light smooth erosion encircling pressure gauge hole in chamber. Heavy to light flaking on the driving and non driving edges of lands from the origin forward to the commencement. Light pitting and flaking in the grooves in this area. Light smooth erosion with <del>BRAND</del> light heat checking in the										
			BASIC	ACTUAL				BASIC	ACTUAL	
TOTAL LENGTH OF GUN			186.15"	186.19"	ROTATION OF TUBE AT BREECH			.00"		
TOTAL LENGTH OF TUBE			177.15"		MOVEMENT OF TUBE AT BREECH			.000"	.001"	F
DEPTH OF BREECH RECESS			9.00"	9.00"	NUMBER OF LANDS AND GROOVES			32	32	
INSPECTION REMARKS: Areas from 18.17" to 21.63", 24.12" to 25.15" and from 176.70" to 177.15" were not measured. <del>base</del> base metal where the chrome is removed in this area. Moderate to light flaking on the land throughout remainder of bore. This condition being more pronounced on driving edge of lands and throughout muzzle third of bore. Chrome flaked from forward edge of bore evacuator holes. Light smooth erosion in the base metal where the chrome is removed in this area.										
STAMPED			STARGAUGED AND INSPECTED BY			REVIEWED BY				
ROOMAN			TIME			COMPILATOR				
RECORDER			PLACE			GRAPHED BY				









ORDBG-779 REV. 21 JULY 54					SUPPLEMENTARY FIELD SHEET - EROSION STUDY MEASUREMENTS					DATE 31-July-58	
7077	TUBE	NUMBER			MODEL			MANUFACTURED BY			
	LINER	54798			TI19K-1			CRDSMOBILE			
	GUN										
	HOWITZER										
	MORTAR										
1. BRITISH PULLOVER MEASUREMENTS FORWARD OF ORIGIN OF RIFLING											
DISTANCE FORWARD OF ORIGIN OF RIFLING		INCHES, REAR FACE OF TUBE				VERTICAL		HORIZONTAL			
6" .10		25.25				3.544		3.544			
7" .25		25.40				3.543		3.543			
8" .50		25.65				3.543		3.543			
1 CALIBER 1.00		26.15				3.543		3.543			
2 CALIBERS		27. Remaining L				97%					
3 CALIBERS		REV. 500 P.S. - RDS-UNKNOWN									
2. STARGAUGE MEASUREMENTS FORWARD OF ORIGIN RIFLING											
DISTANCE FORWARD OF ORIGIN OF RIFLING	LANDS					GROOVES					
	INCHES R. F. T.	VERTICAL	HORIZONTAL	45° RIGHT	45° LEFT	VERTICAL	HORIZONTAL	45° RIGHT	45° LEFT		
1"											
2"											
3"											
1 CALIBER											
2 CALIBERS											
3 CALIBERS											
3. ADVANCE OF RIFLING (Maximum Only) - THREE-SHOE GAUGE											
DIAMETER OF GAUGE HEAD				*ADVANCE INCHES, REAR FACE OF TUBE				ACTUAL ADVANCE			
4. ADVANCE OF RIFLING (Vertical Only) - PULLOVER GAUGE, DIAMETER PRE-SET											
DIAMETER AT WHICH GAUGE IS SET		BASIC DIAMETER		ADVANCE INCHES, REAR FACE OF TUBE		*ACTUAL ADVANCE					
SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR				TIME				PLACE			
Boyd											
*TO BE COMPUTED BY RECORDS UNIT											



# STAR GAUGE REPORT

PAGE  
BEFORE FIRING  
AFTER FIRING ✓

90MM Gun T119E1 *90mm Tube* 90MM Gun Mount Comb, M78  
Specs. Mil-G-10498 Amend 1, 11 July 1951 Specs. Mil-M-11066, 5 April 1951

Gun No.	Mfr.	Year	Date Fired <i>3 JUL 51</i>	Gauged By <i>Rodman</i>	Bore Sight Lines Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Tube No. <i>5477</i>	Mfr. <i>C.H.</i>	Year <i>1951</i>	Date Gauged <i>4-3-51</i>	Clerk <i>N. H. R.</i>	Stamped <i>SPAC</i>
Mount No.	Mfr.	Year	Inspected By <i>Henderson</i>	Rodman <i>N. H. R.</i>	Disposition----- Shipped Held

Type Stargauge  
3 Ft. Offset

Y is 7th full land to left of 12:00 o'clock at  
Muzzle End.

INCHES FROM MUZZLE	LANDS		GROOVES		INCHES FROM MUZZLE	LANDS		GROOVES		INCHES FROM MUZZLE	LANDS		GROOVES	
	Y	A	Y	A		Y	A	Y	A		Y	A	Y	A
0.1	.00	.00	.00	.00	95	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00	.00	.00	.00
1	.00	.00	.00	.00	100	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00	.00	.00	.00
5	.00	.00	.00	.00	105	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00	.00	.00	.00
10	.00	.00	.00	.00	110	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00	.00	.00	.00
15	.00	.00	.00	.00	115	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00	.00	.00	.00
20	.00	.00	.00	.00	120	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00	.00	.00	.00
25	.00	.00	.00	.00	125	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00	.00	.00	.00
30	.00	.00	.00	.00	126	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00	.00	.00	.00
35	.00	.00	.00	.00	128	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00	.00	.00	.00
40	.00	.00	.00	.00	132	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00	.00	.00	.00
45	.00	.00	.00	.00	134	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00	.00	.00	.00
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55	.00	.00	.00	.00	138	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00	.00	.00	.00
60	.00	.00	.00	.00	140	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00	.00	.00	.00
65	.00	.00	.00	.00	142	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00	.00	.00	.00
70	.00	.00	.00	.00	144	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00	.00	.00	.00
75	.00	.00	.00	.00	146	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00	.00	.00	.00
80	.00	.00	.00	.00	148	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00	.00	.00	.00
85	.00	.00	.00	.00	150	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00	.00	.00	.00
90	.00	.00	.00	.00	151	.00	.00	.00	.00		.00	.00	.00	.00

Boroscope inspection made by *J. Henderson* Bore of gun tube  
accordance with Mil-G-10498 Amend 1, 11 July 1951.

acceptable in

Boroscope inspection report as follows.



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## EXPERIMENTAL AMMUNITION DATA CARD

NO. 88491

T. P. R. NO. <b>TW-7</b>	KIND <b>Cartridge, HEAT, T300E53, (Shell Inert Loaded) With Dummy Fuze, Without Propellant and Without Primer For 90MM Guns, M36 and M41</b>				AMM. LOT NO. <b>PA-E-27651-X</b>
SPEC. NO.					QUANTITY IN LOT <b>20</b>
DRG. NO. <b>FXP-88801</b>	DRG. DATE OR REV. <b>3-25-57</b>	ALLOT. ADVICE	PROJECT NO. <b>TW-422 (1460)</b>	RAD OR EPO NO.	QUANTITY IN SHIPMENT <b>20</b>
P. A. X. O. <b>3026-24</b>	PROP. CHARGE	EXPECTED M. V.	EXPECTED PRESSURE	ASSEMBLED BY <b>PA</b>	DATE OF ASSEMBLY <b>July, 1958</b>

REMARKS: Packed: 1 Cartridge/fiber container; 2 containers/wood box. Propellant omitted. Case Cartridge not crimped to shell. Primer Perc., omitted. Cartridges not chamber gaged. Loading Plug assembled to Cartg. Case hand tight. Wire Assembly not required. \*Filler Inert consists of 81% PCN, 10% Iron Oxide and 9% Celite. O'Ring CKCX2-546863 omitted between Boom and chamber on Projectile No. 19 and 20. Projectile No. 17 has fin concentricity of .040.

COMPONENT	MPTS Ass'y	Case Cartg	Fuze	Filler	Potted	Tracer
KIND	Shell	(Mod.)	Dummy	Inert*	Nose	T-
	T300E53	T24BL			Element	
DRG. NO.	FXP-88634	XP-88721	unk		XP-94425	XP-90142
DRG. DATE OR REV.	6-21-57	3-25-57	unk		unk	unk
MFG'D BY	Chamberlain	Exco Mfg.	PA	PA	PA	PA
DATE	1957	1956	1958	1958	1958	1958
LOT NO.	TCC-30-10	EPO-4-25	none	none	none	PA-E-26787

PREPARED BY A. Mackey

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## EXPERIMENTAL AMMUNITION DATA CARD

NO. 87245

T. P. R. NO.	KIND <b>Primer Percussion, M58 (Mod. B)</b>				AMM. LOT NO. <b>PA-E-26767</b>
SPEC. NO.					QUANTITY IN LOT
DRG. NO. <b>74-2-63</b>	DRG. DATE OR REV. <b>8-19-54</b>	ALLOT. ADVICE	PROJECT NO.	RAD OR EPO NO.	QUANTITY IN SHIPMENT
P. A. X. O. <b>3026-24-005</b>	PROP. CHARGE	EXPECTED M. V.	EXPECTED PRESSURE	ASSEMBLED BY <b>PA</b>	DATE OF ASSEMBLY <b>February, 1958</b>

REMARKS: Packed: 15 Primers/carton; 7 cartons/wood box. \*Overall length of Primer 13.41" max. Primer charge 370  $\pm$  10 grains Grade A1, Black Powder. One liner used in lieu of two.

(Over)

COMPONENT	Body	Head	Plug	Cup	Primer	Charge	Liner
KIND	M58	Primer	Firing	Battery	Perc.	Primer	
	Mod.				M61	Gr. A1	
DRG. NO.		74-2-91E3	74-2-78M	74-2-78L4	74-2-96A		
DRG. DATE OR REV.			12-8-52				
MFG'D BY	PA	ELC	LMC	NSS	PA	DuPont	PA
DATE	1958	unk	unk	unk	1958	unk	1958
LOT NO.	none	ELC-2-1	LMC-21	NSS-3-1	PA-104-38	DUP-3-135	none

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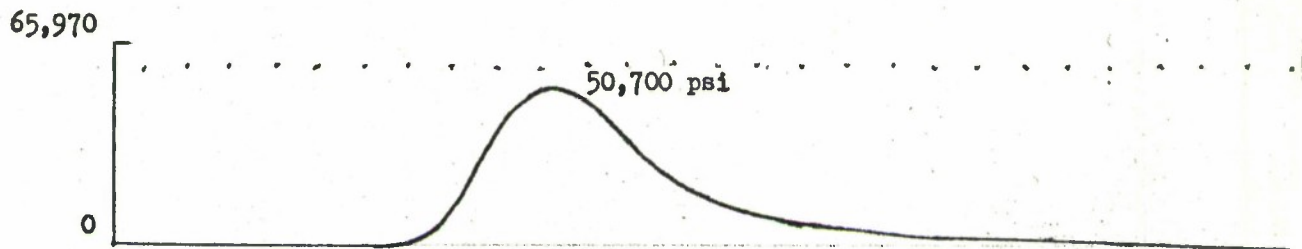
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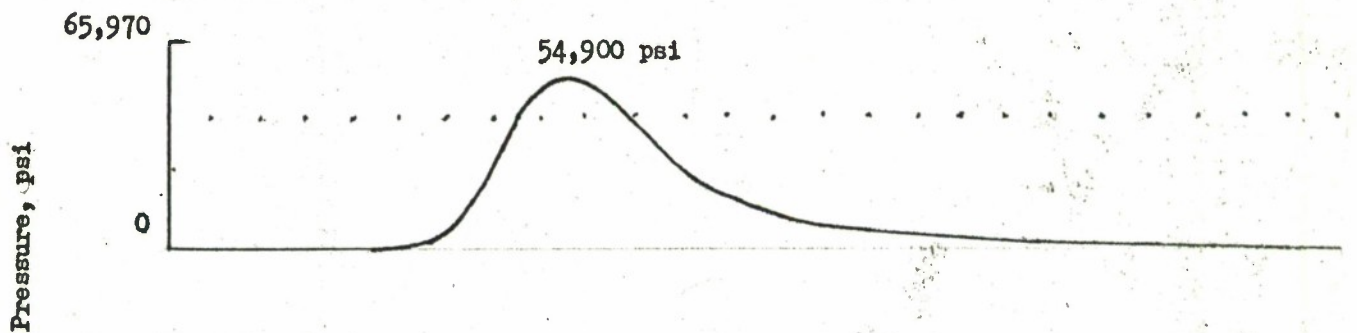
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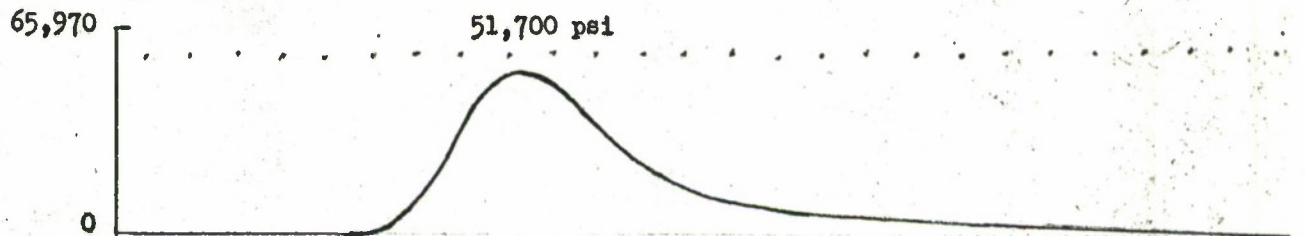
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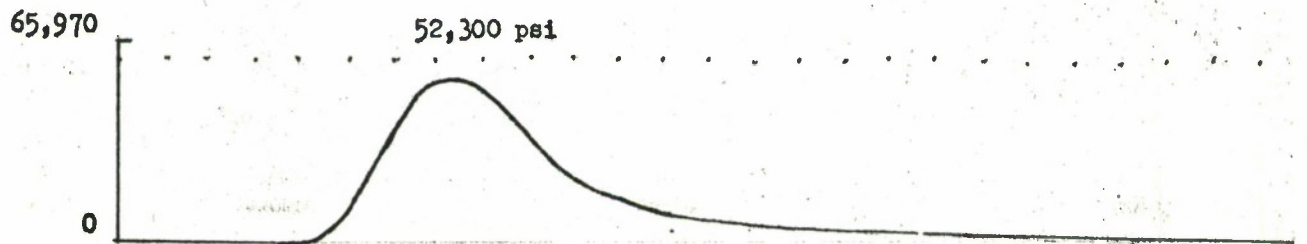
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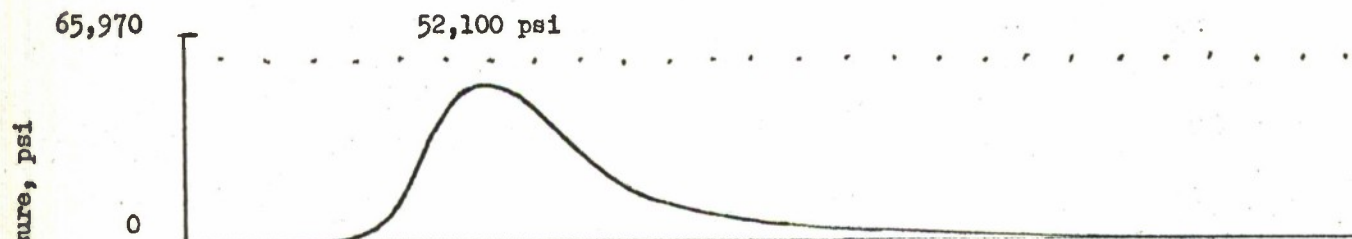
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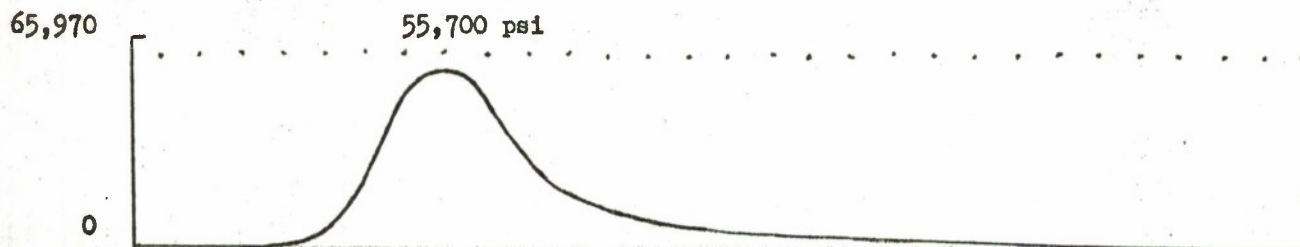
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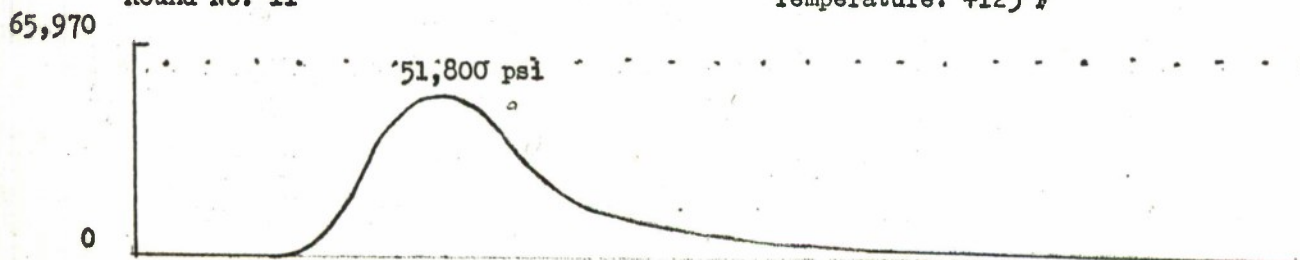
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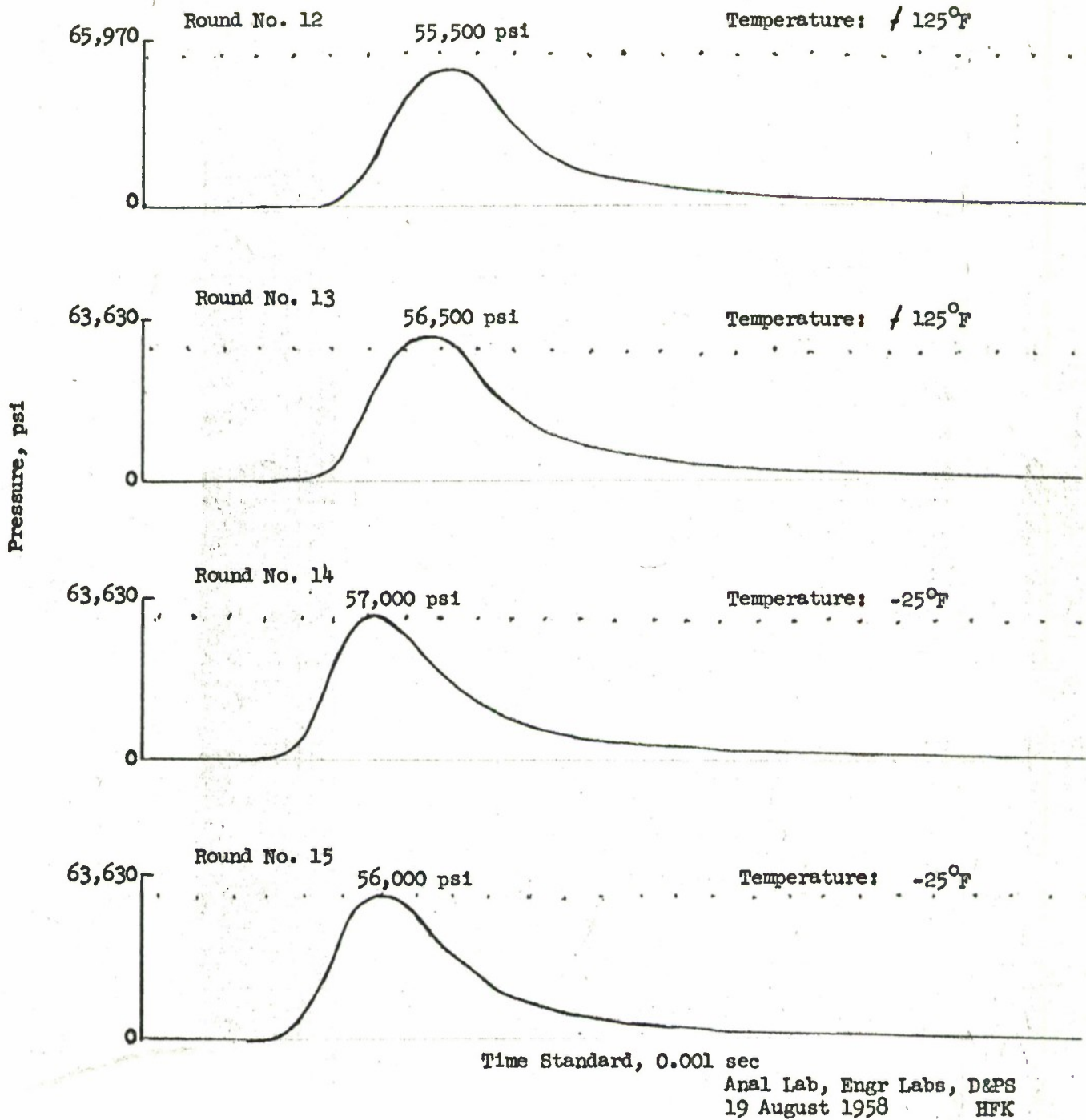
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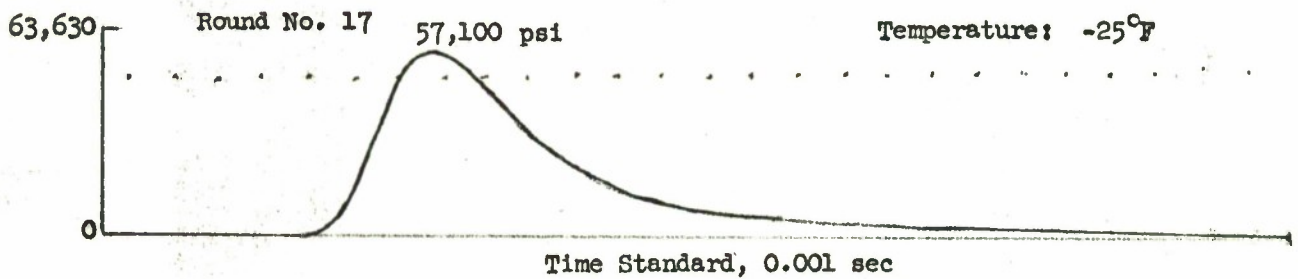
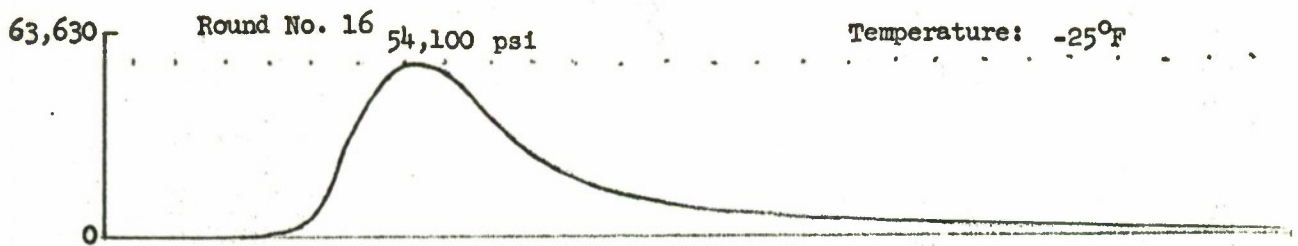


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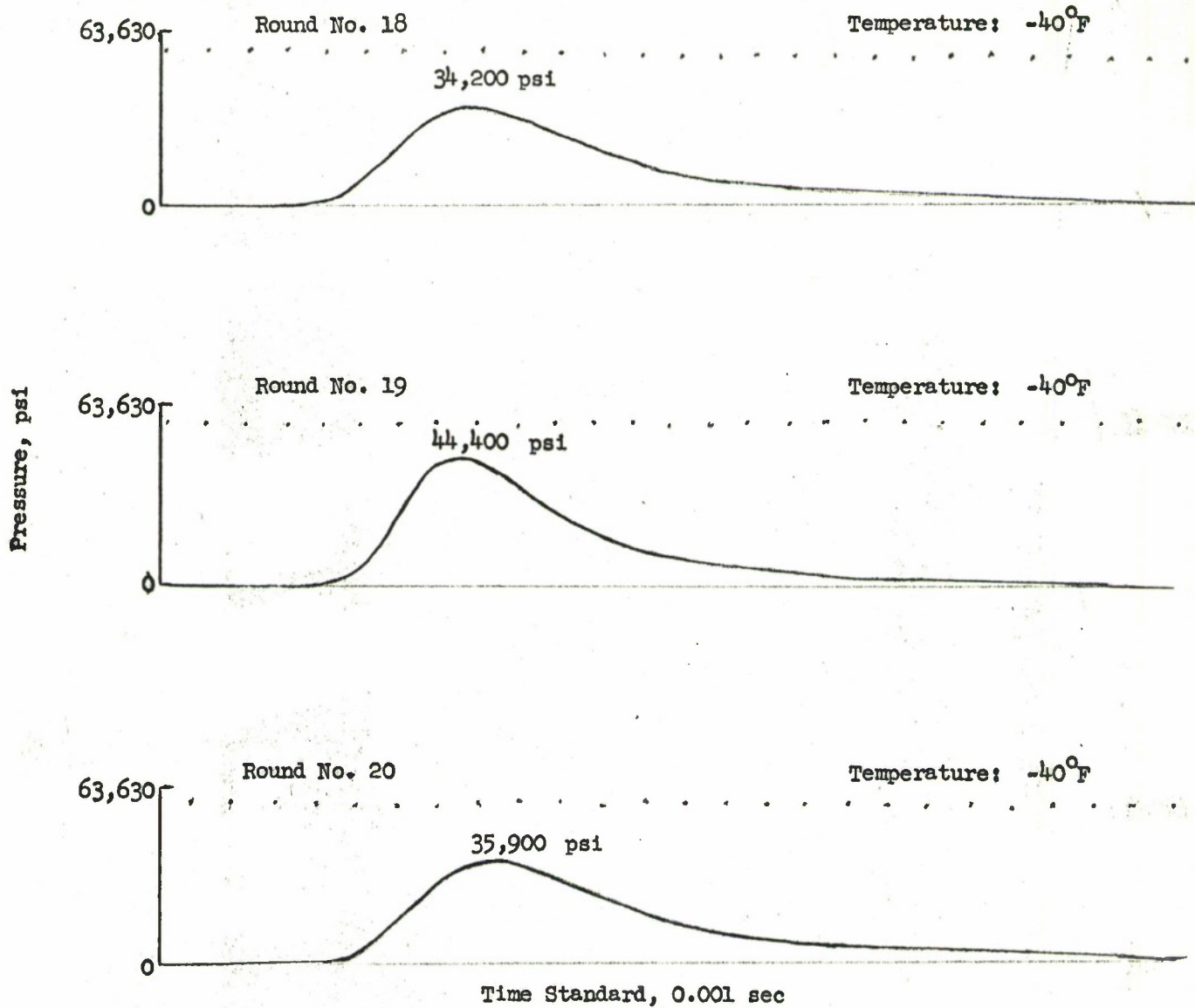
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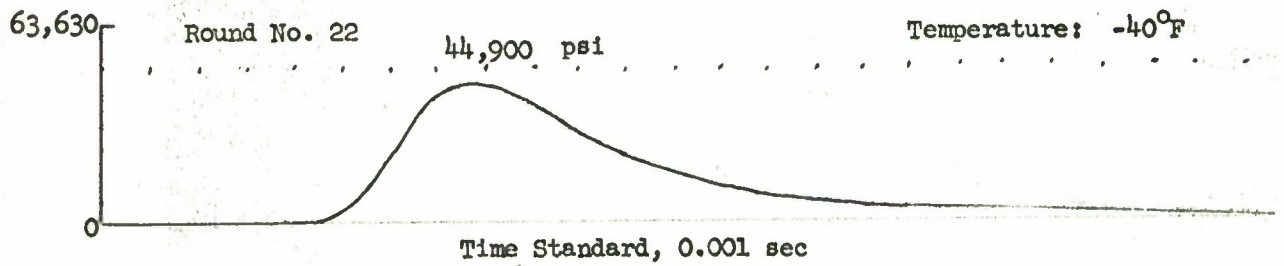
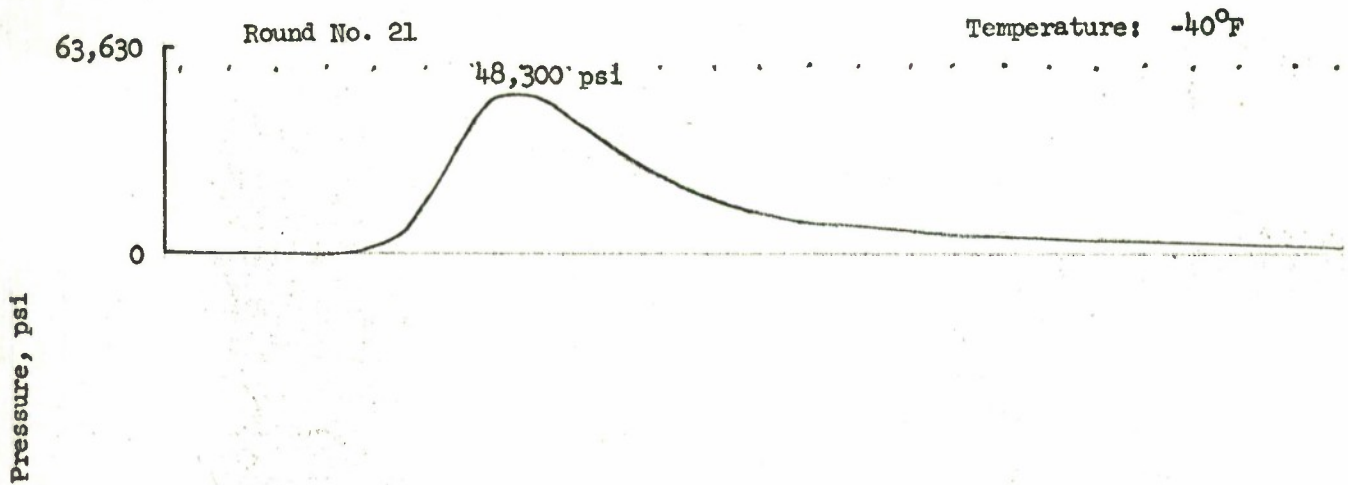


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